

# Minority**Health** EVENTS

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*Improving minority health improves Alabama's health*

# Calendar of Events



## JULY EVENTS

### **Diabetes Mellitus: Care & Control-A Review and Current Update**

The Alabama State Nurses Association (ASNA) is off to a great start with continuing education offers. This is a comprehensive review of Diabetes Mellitus. It is not only a review but also an update on current developments in the field. The course consists of a monograph and open book evaluation questions, which may be requested from the ASNA office. The course is valid through July 5, 2008. For more information contact ASNA at (334) 262-8321 or email: [www.charlenerasna@bellsouth.net](mailto:www.charlenerasna@bellsouth.net).

### **AL Mega Conference**

The Alabama Department of Education-Professional Development is having a Mega Conference on July 9-13, 2007, at the Adams Mark Hotel in Mobile, Alabama. This conference is for all school teachers, supervisors, superintendents, and parents. For more information contact Hyubert Staley at (334) 242-8114.

### **Pre-Service Teacher Institute**

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration/Jackson State University (PSTI) is a two-week residential institute held on July 15-27, 2007, on the JSU campus, in Jackson, Mississippi, for college students who are preparing to teach in an elementary school. The program is designed to increase students' skills in teaching mathematics and science incorporating technology in the curriculum. This is achieved through the development problem-based learning (PBL) aerospace theme. For more information contact Mrs. Pamala Heard at (601) 979-2662 or (601) 979-2318 or email: [heard@jsu.edu](mailto:heard@jsu.edu).

### **2nd Annual Regional Health Disparities Symposium**

On July 18, 2007, 8:00am to 3:30pm, at the Ashbury Hotel and Suites in Mobile, AL, the University of South Alabama Center for Healthy Communities, Project EXPORT will host the second annual Regional Health Disparities Symposium. This

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*"The doctor has  
been taught to be  
interested not in  
health but in  
disease. What the  
public is taught is  
that health is the  
cure for disease."*

*(Adopted from Ashley Montagu)*

year the symposium will facilitate interaction and dialogue among the stakeholders by providing a platform for communicating their experience and discussing the elimination of health disparities. Registration is available at <http://www.usouthal.edu/healthycommunities/export/rhds>

### **Register for Pandemic Influenza Program**

Registration is now open for the upcoming satellite conference and live webcast, Pandemic Influenza Information for First Responders:



The Basics. This program will be broadcast on Thursday, July 19, 2007; 12:00-1:30 p.m. (Central Time). To register for this program and to view all upcoming programs, visit our website: [www.adph.org/alphntn](http://www.adph.org/alphntn).

### **FREE WORKSHOP**

The Auburn University Montgomery School of Education and Alabama Department of Public Health Steps to a Healthier Alabama is sponsoring a workshop “No Child Left on their Behind”: Reinforcing Academics through Movement, on July 19, 2007, on the campus of Auburn University Montgomery, maps and directions will be sent once pre-registration is received. The conference will feature Dr. Bernard Gutin, one of the top researchers in the world regarding physical activity and obesity. He will discuss how physical activity can be used to alter the obesity epidemic in Alabama. For more information call (334) 244-3933.

### **Partner AL Summit on Obesity**

The PARTNER AL Summit on Obesity (Partnering Alabama's Resources through Nutrition, Exercise, and Responsibility) is a great source of information on ways to improve the future health of Alabama's children by reducing the impact of the obesity epidemic. PARTNER AL Summit on Obesity to be held in Troy, Alabama on Troy University's main campus in the Claudia Crosby Theater with breakout sessions held in Smith Hall. A campus map can be found at <http://troy.troy.edu/abouttroy/campusmap.html>. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call us at (334) 808-2886 or [healthykids@troybabydoc.com](mailto:healthykids@troybabydoc.com).

## **AUGUST EVENTS**

### **“Pandemic Influenza: Rapid Response Required”**

The Alabama Department of Public Health's Bureau of Clinical



Laboratories, Center for Emergency Preparedness, and the Division of Epidemiology would like to invite you to “Pandemic Influenza: Rapid Response Required” to be held on Thursday, August 23, 2007, at the Embassy Suites in Montgomery, Alabama. This conference will address laboratory and surveillance planning and response procedures for a potential pandemic influenza event. This conference will include a tabletop exercise where your participation will be imperative by assisting us in finding potential solutions. If you have questions or would like more information please call Michele Williams at (334) 206-2958.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Supporting Breastfeeding in Your Community**

The Houston County Health Department is hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Supporting Breastfeeding in your Community event on August 27, 2007, at the Houston County Health Department in Dothan, Alabama.

For more information contact Michell Grainger at (334) 206-2921.

### **No One Left Behind**

UAB and the Alabama Department of Public Health is sponsoring a conference on “Addressing the Needs of People with Disabilities and the Elderly in Emergencies and Disasters” on August 27-28, 2007, at the Birmingham-Sheraton Hotel, Medical Forum, in Birmingham, Alabama. For additional information call Maury West at (334) 206-5226.

### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama Governor's Safety & Health Conference**

The University of Alabama Continuing Studies is sponsoring '20 Years: A Score for Safety and Health' Conference on August 27-29, 2007, at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama. General session speakers will address key issues affecting the work environment and provide pertinent information on current topics of interest. The Conference program will blend new

and traditional topics based on requests from past participants. For more information visit the website at <http://algovshc.ccs.ua.edu>.

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### **BET Health Fair**

The Houston County Women's Health Forum and the Black Entertainment TV (BET) Channel are sponsoring a BET Health Fair on September 7-8, 2007 in Dothan, AL. On Friday evening, September 7, 2007, with a Tea for the ladies so they can wear their hats and feel elegant. Each table will have a doctor join them so the ladies can ask health related questions. For more information email Lucille Latham at [famservice@entercomp.com](mailto:famservice@entercomp.com).

### **Alabama Workforce Development Conference**

The Alabama Office of Workforce Development is hosting a State Workforce Development Conference September 12-14, 2007, at the Sheraton Hotel and Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex in downtown Birmingham, Alabama. The conference theme is "Alabama's Workforce Partners: Creating Pathways to Success". The Conference Planning Committee has scheduled a full agenda of plenary speakers and networking opportunities, as well as more than 50 workshops that address a variety of workforce issues. Registration forms for you to participate as an attendee or as an exhibitor are posted on the Office of Workforce Development website [www.owd.alabama.gov](http://www.owd.alabama.gov). Hotel

reservations can be made by phone or by going to the following website [www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/alworkforce](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/alworkforce).

### **2007 Annual Convention**

The Alabama Nursing Home Association is hosting a convention on September 24-27, 2007, at the Winfrey Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama. For more information call (334) 271-6214.

### **Perinatal Conference**

The Perinatal Advisory Council and the March of Dimes will present a statewide Perinatal Conference on September 27, 2007, at the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham, Alabama. For additional information contact Gayle Whatley at (205) 934-6254 or visit website: [www.adph.org/perinatal](http://www.adph.org/perinatal).

# *National Conferences 2007*

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### **National Conference on Health Disparities**

The National Conference on Health Disparities in Charleston, SC at the Charleston Marriott on July 19-21, 2007, will bring together health care providers, funding agencies, political leaders and public policy makers to tackle this problem's history, than forge

new strategies and visionary thinking to help facilitate the reduction and ultimately the elimination of health disparities in the United States. For more information contact: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=203591eb-574d-48dca0bf-cf58e7c99167>.

### **2007 CDC Cancer Conference**

The Conference theme of Meeting Future Challenges will be addressed by four days of presentations and discussions on key issues related to our vital mission of cancer prevention and early detection. The conference will be on August 13-17, 2007, in Atlanta, GA. The opening plenary session on August 13<sup>th</sup> will be followed by Day Sessions on Building Partnerships (August 14<sup>th</sup>), Workforce Development and Policy (August 15<sup>th</sup>), and Emerging Technologies (August 16<sup>th</sup>). If you attended the CDC Cancer Conference in 2001 or 2003, please plan to join us again! For more information contact (800) 789-3603 or [2007CancerConf@battelle.org](mailto:2007CancerConf@battelle.org).

### **Minority Women's Health Summit "Addressing Disparities, Acknowledging Resilience, Providing Actions for Success"**

Join the National Women's Health Information Center at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at the Minority Women's Health Summit on August 23-26, 2007, in Washington, DC. The theme of this year's summit is "Addressing Disparities, Acknowledging Resilience, and Providing Actions for Success" and it will address the unique health issues experienced by women who reflect disparities in the U.S. population. Attendees will include community leaders representing all racial/ethnic populations, rural and urban communities, immigrant and migrant populations, and disabled communities. The event will provide tools that can be implemented by all participants in their communities. Among the scheduled topics are: obesity, mental health, gynecological cancers, HIV/AIDS, and obesity.

# Announcements

## **“IMPROVING HEALTH AND PROSPERITY BY INCREASING DIVERSITY AND REDUCING DISPARITIES”**

With support from and in cooperation with the Office of Minority Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institutes of Health and the Auxiliary of the National Medical Association is having a Minority Access Eighth National Role Models Conference on September 13-16, 2007, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia. Join researchers, administrators, faculty, students and alumni from more than 170 colleges and universities in addressing issues of diversity and disparities and recognizing Role Models. The deadline for receiving special conference rate is August 24, 2007. Additional information please visit online [www.minorityaccess.org](http://www.minorityaccess.org).

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect through Nurse Home Visitation**

The purpose of activities funded under this program announcement is to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing nurse home visitation services and by providing or referring parents who would benefit from them to healthy marriage and responsible fatherhood services. These demonstration projects will further explore the connection between intact families and /or active fathers and the occurrence of child abuse and neglect. The programs must institute nurse home visits and services during pregnancy or at birth and provide services of sufficient duration to lower the incidence of child abuse and neglect. Estimated total program funding is \$1,200,000. Applications are due July



2, 2007. The program announcement is at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-363.html>.

### **Employment and Training Administration**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for YouthBuild Grants. YouthBuild is an alternative education program that provides at-risk youth with training in construction and pathways to post-secondary education and careers in high growth, high demand occupations. Grant funds will be used to provide disadvantaged youth with: the education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self sufficiency in occupations in high demand and postsecondary education and training opportunities. A total of \$47 million is available to fund this program. Applications are due July 3, 2007. The program announcement <http://www.doleta.gov/sga/sga/DOL-SGA-DFA-PY-06-08.pdf>.

### **Staples Foundation for Learning Offers Support for Education and Job Skills Programs**

The mission of Staples Foundation

for Learning, Inc. (<http://www.staplesfoundation.org/>) is to teach, train, and inspire. “The foundation contributes funds to national and local charities that provide educational opportunities and job skills of all people, with special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. To be eligible for consideration, the applicant organizations must have nonprofit, tax-exempt classification under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; offer programs aligned with the Staples Foundation for Learning’s mission; and focus on job skills and education. The requested amount of each grant can be up to \$25,000. Most grants awarded by the foundation are in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 range. The foundation reviews grant proposals on a quarterly basis. Visit the foundation’s Web site for complete program information and updates, instructions on submitting an online application, and an FAQ. RFP Link: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10007175/staplesfoundation>. For additional RFPs in Education, visit: <http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat/education.jhtml>.



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**7th National Changing Patterns of Cancer in Native Communities: The Power of Partnerships**

Spirits of Eagles cordially invites you to attend the 7th National Changing Patterns of Cancer in Native Communities: The Power of Partnerships Conference held September 5-8, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, MN. This conference is designed to bring together community members, survivors, advocates, researchers, clinicians and other health service providers working with Native populations. For more information, please email [nativecircle@mayo.edu](mailto:nativecircle@mayo.edu) or call (877) 372-1617.

**4th Annual Asian American Health Conference: Leading the Way, Partnering for Change**

The NYU School of Medicine is sponsoring the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian American Health Conference on September 28-29, 2007, in New York, NY. The theme "Leading the Way, Partnering for Change" urges participants to foster leadership and collaboration in generating solutions to address health disparities in the Asian American community. For additional information contact [csaah@med.nyu.edu](mailto:csaah@med.nyu.edu).

# *Health News and Views*

## THE INFORMATION CORNER



**Resolution Adopting Beverage Standards for Vending Sales in Alabama Public Schools**

In 2005, the Alabama State Board of Education voted unanimously to adopt uniform vending guidelines for the sale of beverages and snacks and also adopted policy regarding the serving of prepared foods in school lunchrooms, fund-raising sale of food products, and exercise, to create one of the nation's most

comprehensive programs to address student obesity and inactivity. After two years of implementation of the 2005, guidelines, the Alabama Beverage Association and the Alabama Chapter of the American Heart Association and the Commissioner of Agriculture, State of Alabama, have presented the State Board of Education with additional recommended guidelines: for the sale of beverages in Alabama's public schools during the school day with the 2007-2008 school year being the phase-in implementation year and the expectation that the 2008-2009 school year will begin with every school being 100 percent in compliance. For additional information contact the Alabama State Board of Education.



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## **JULY**

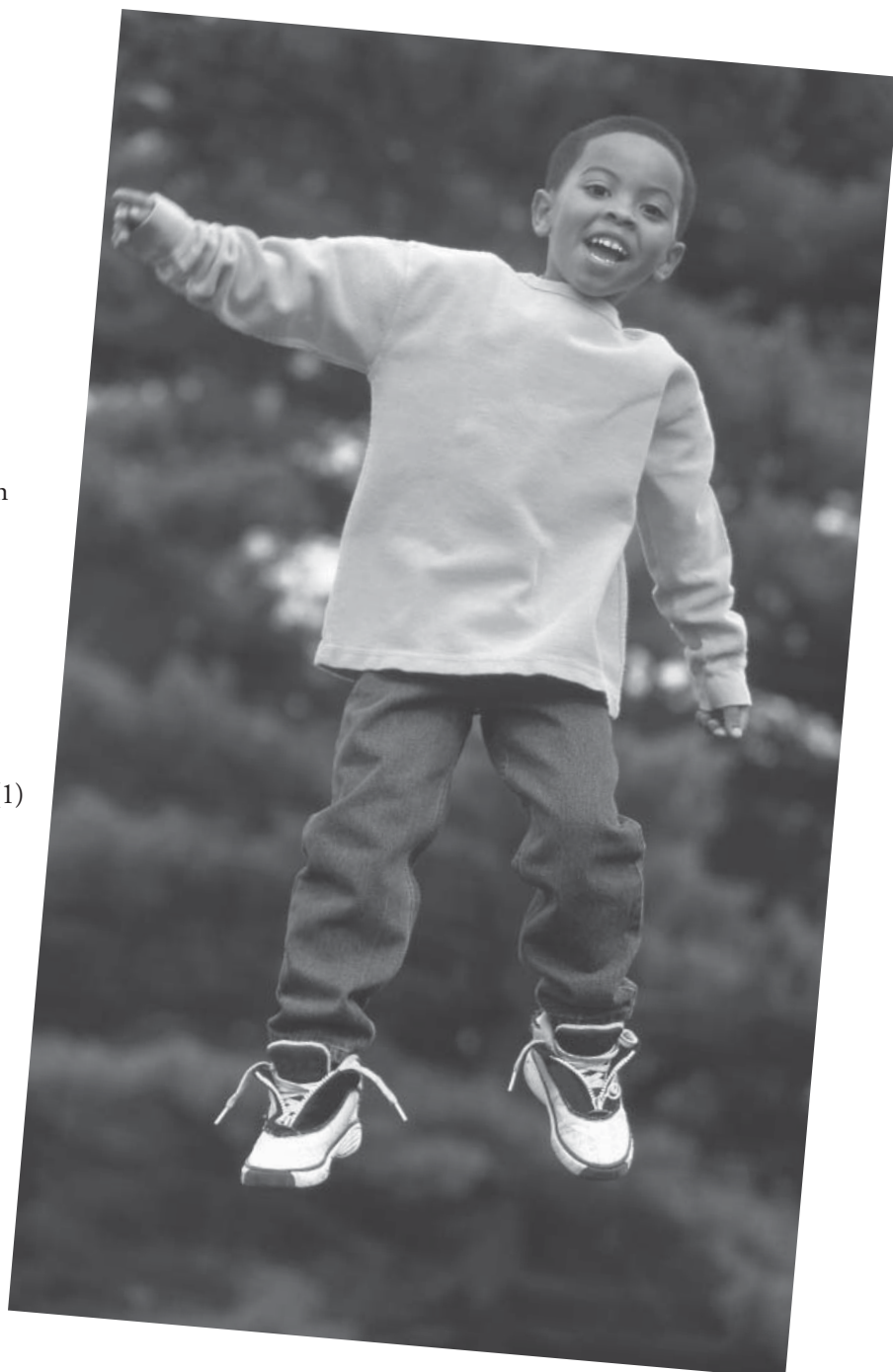
- ▶ Fireworks Safety Month
- ▶ National Therapeutic Recreation Week
- ▶ National Prevention of Eye Injuries Awareness Week
- ▶ Teens at Risk Health Awareness Month

## **AUGUST**

- ▶ Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month
- ▶ World Breastfeeding Week (1-7)
- ▶ National Immunization Awareness Month
- ▶ National Water Quality Month
- ▶ Native American Health Month
- ▶ National Minority Donor Awareness Day (1)

## **SEPTEMBER**

- ▶ Healthy Aging Month
- ▶ Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Week
- ▶ National Adult Immunization Awareness Week (Sep 25-Oct 1)
- ▶ National 5A Day Month
- ▶ National Sickle Cell Month
- ▶ Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
- ▶ Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day (Sep 20)
- ▶ Suicide Prevention Week (Sep 4-10)



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mentioned herein are subject to change after printing deadline.  
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